

KDHE Releases 25 Most Popular Baby Names

After almost a decade in the top spot, Jacob has been replaced by Aiden as the most popular boys' name given to newborns by Kansas parents in 2004. The trend for Celtic and English boy names continues with names such as--Aiden, Conner, Dylan, Kaden, and Logan included in the top 25. Emma has hung on for another year as the top name for girls. Kaitlyn, Abigail, Emily, and Madison join Emma in the top five.



This information was prepared by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Center for Health and Environmental Statistics. The lists are derived from birth certificate information, which the Center's Office of Vital Statistics keeps on file.

Dropping off the list of 25 most popular girls' names were Chloe, Samantha, and Taylor. Joining the list were Makayla, Sophia, and Sydney. Leaving the list of 25 most popular boys' names were Christian, Christopher, Jonathan, and Joseph. Joining the list were Conner, John, Nathan, and Ryan.

Popular baby names are one of the more regularly requested items produced by the Center's Office of Health Care Information. While the list reflects popular culture and names frequently used in the media, other information from birth certificates and other vital records stored with the Center's Office of Vital Statistics is used to gauge health trends in the state.



The popular baby names list and a compilation of data from vital records, the *Annual Summary of Vital Statistics*, are available on the KDHE Web site at:
<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/hci/>.

Basic customized statistics can be found at the KIC (Kansas Information for Communities) Web site: <http://kic.kdhe.state.ks.us/kic/>. The Office of Health Care Information also prepares special data analyses on a fee-for-service basis.

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TOP 25 Names Given To Babies Born To Kansas Residents In 2004

(Alternate spellings of the same name are included in the counts)

RANK	GIRLS	COUNT	BOYS	COUNT
1	EMMA	265	AIDEN	311
2	KAITLYN	250	JACOB	293
3	ABIGAIL	248	KADEN	292
4	EMILY	238	ETHAN	249
5	MADISON	236	MICHAEL	222
6	HANNAH	190	CALEB	215
7	GRACE	187	ANDREW	196
8	OLIVIA	182	ALEXANDER	190
9	BRIANNA	177	MATTHEW	184
10	HAILEY	176	WILLIAM	184
11	MAKAYLA* ¹	170	TYLER	180
12	RILEY	163	JACKSON	178
13	ALEXIS	160	BRADEN	176
14	ELIZABETH	152	NICHOLAS	174
15	KAYLEE	152	JOSHUA	173
16	MACKENZIE	149	CONNER*	169
17	SARAH	147	DYLAN	163
18	LAUREN	137	JAYDEN	153
19	ALYSSA	132	NATHAN*	150
20	KYLIE	132	RYAN*	149
21	SOPHIA*	129	ZACHARY	149
22	KATHERINE	128	LOGAN	147
23	MADELINE	127	JOHN*	147
24	ANNA	126	AUSTIN	144
25	SYDNEY*	124	SAMUEL	143

*Names that moved into the top 25 from the previous year

Names that dropped out of the top 25 from the previous year:

GIRLS

CHLOE
SAMANTHA
TAYLOR

BOYS

CHRISTIAN
CHRISTOPHER
JONATHAN
JOSEPH

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GIRLS

MAKAYLA
SOPHIA
SYDNEY

BOYS

CONNER
JOHN
NATHAN
RYAN

¹The name with the largest number of spellings (36) was Makayla.